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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Military Information from Zeitz

EVALUATION [REDACTED] 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT 9 to 15 March 1954

DATE OBTAIN [REDACTED] 25X1 DATE PREPARED 7 April 1954

REFERENCES _____

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REMARKS _____

25X1 1. Between 9 and 15 March 1954, the Artillerie Kaserne [redacted] on the west side of
25X1 Friedens Strasse, Zeitz, quartered an estimated 800 to 900 troops. Major elements of
the tank regiment stationed there were presumably engaged in field exercises in Zeitz
Forest. The following details could be determined:
From 2 to 3:30 p.m. on 9 March: departure toward Zeitz Forest of 8 T-34/85 tanks
25X1 [redacted]
25X1 At 10 a.m. on 11 March: departure toward Zeitz Forest of T-34/85 [redacted]
25X1 At 9 a.m. on 15 March: departure for loading of T-34/85 tanks [redacted]
25X1 [redacted] An officer told source
that the unit to be loaded would be transferred much farther than Magdeburg.

25X1 2. During the same period, the Infanterie Kaserne on the east side of Friedens Strasse
25X1 [redacted] was occupied by about 1,200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with
artillery, tank or motor transport insignia. Another unit which did not belong to
the installation included 300 to 350 men who were quartered in three tents in the
rear of the barracks yard. There was unusually little activity during the period of
25X1 observation. [redacted]
25X1 [redacted] The vehicles
towed 5 x 85-mm AT guns and carried one mortar each.

25X1 [redacted] Comment. As tank details from the Eighth Gds Army area have continuously
25X1 been in Letzling Heath for firing practice during the preceding years, the statement
by the officer is therefore given credence. [redacted]
information refers to a unit of the 27th (?) Gds Tank Regt (US) of the 20th Gds Mecz
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